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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING: AGENDA  
SUGGESTIONS

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1. MID-OCTOBER TIMING OF DCAR MEETING, FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY

AFTER SEVENTH SPECIAL ASSEMBLY, CONCLUSION OPENING DEBATE THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SECRETARY'S NEW YORK BILATERALS PROVIDES UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY FOR UP-TO-MINUTE BRIEFING BY WASHINGTON VISITORS PLUS IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION BY ALL HANDS OF STATE OF PLAY IN DC-LDC CONFRONTATION (IN BOTH UNITED NATIONS AND FARTHER AFIELD), TRENDS, AND STATUS OF U.S. EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE FRUITFUL DIALOGUE PLUS CONCENTRATION ON POSITIVE SEARCH FOR PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO REAL PROBLEMS. PROJECTED PARTICIPATION AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR ADAMS WILL FACILITATE FULL DISCUSSION OF PERHAPS SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLICY ISSUE FACING ALL WEST AFRICAN MISSIONS: FUTURE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO NATIONS OF THIS AREA IN SHORT AND MID-TERM. REVIEW OF CURRENT THINKING IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND IN CONGRESS RE LEVELS, TYPES, EMPHASES, AND TECHNIQUES (BILATERAL VS MULTINATIONAL, REGIONAL VS INDIVIDUAL STATES, CONTRACT VS DIRECT HIRE) WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. FIELD REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ALSO FIND INDICATION OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF (1) APPEARANCES BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND OTHERS BEFORE HOUSE AND SENATE AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEES; (2) CONGRESSIONAL FACT-FINDING TRIPS (SUMMER VISITS OF CODELSGRIGGS AND RANGEL, CURRENT VISIT OF SENATOR CLARK); AND (3) SECRETARY'S WORKING MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS ON (A) PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL PERCEPTIONS OF AFRICA, (B) ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD CONTINENT AS A WHOLE AND TOWARD ITS CONSTITUENT STATES, AND (C) ON KEY SPECIFIC ISSUES (SUCH AS DECOLONIZATION OF SAHARA, NAMIBIA; MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA; REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPINGS; PROSPECTS FOR U.S. INVESTMENT--AMERICAN INTENTIONS, AFRICAN RECEPTIVITY) EXCEEDINGLY HELPFUL.

2. ON OPERATIONAL SIDE SUGGEST TWO PROSAIC BUT VITAL TOPICS. CEET: PROPOSE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND FRANCOPHONE MISSION CHIEFS SCHEDULE SPECIAL SEPARATE SESSION TO SEARCH FOR SOLUTION TO STILL UNSOLVED TEXT TRANSLATION PROBLEM. SMALL MISSIONS LIKE NOUAKCHOTT HAVE NEITHER TRANSLATION EXPERTISE NOR REPRODUCTION FACILITIES TO CONVERT MAJOR STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY INTO LANGUAGE ACCESSIBLE TO HOST NATION

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LEADERS GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE. MOREOVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT INTERESTS OF U.S. ARE BEST SERVED BY DOZEN PLUS SEPARATE, MORE OR LESS ACCURATE, INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS OF METICULOUSLY CRAFTED SPEECH OR STATE PAPER TEXTS. IT WOULD APPEAR PREFERABLE FOR DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE SINGLE OFFICIAL TRANSLATION (PRIOR TO DELIVERY OR RELEASE OF TEXT), AND THEN EITHER TELEGRAPH TRANSLATED TEXT OR AIR POUCH MULTIPLE COPIES. AL-

TERNATELY ONE FRANCOPHONE EMBASSY COULD BE CHARGED  
WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND GIVEN BUDGET TO SERVICE ALL  
OTHERS. AS ILLUSTRATION OF CRITICAL NEED FOR IMPROVED  
ARRANGEMENT: FRENCH TEXTS OF SPEECHES SECRETARY GAVE  
TO IEA AND OECD ON MAY 27 AND 28 ARRIVED NOUAKCHOTT  
JULY 15. SECOND: SOLUTION TO PRESSING LIQUIDITY  
PROBLEM FACING WEST AFRICAN COMMISSARY OPERATION  
WHICH WILL NOT PENALIZE ALREADY HAD-PRESSED FOREIGN  
SERVICE PERSONNEL WITH MASSIVE EVEN THOUGH HOPEFULLY  
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